

are accustomed to meeting every year. You and I are accustomed to adopting budgets every year. You and I are now getting accustomed to setting tax rates to fit those budgets on an annual and special session basis and it seems to me that given our current annual sessions and our current annual examination of spending and frankly, given the power that we now have on our own hands to set the tax rates, that we are better off to budget annually as opposed to budgeting biennially. And it is for that reason I have offered the motion to indefinitely postpone LB 258.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Haberman, then Senator Wesely.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to support Senator Johnson and his IPP of the bill. If you'll look at the committee statement as who appeared in favor of the bill, Senator Warner and the University of Nebraska. So you've got to kind of maybe look behind the scenes. Why would the University of Nebraska or any other entity such as the university or state agency want two years budget? Well it's because we can't keep as close a look on them if we have a two year budget instead of one year budget. It came out of the Appropriations Committee with all of them in favor of it. Well now I possibly can understand that because Senator Warner is the Chairman of the committee and he'd like to have it, but I don't want to commit the citizens of this state, I don't want to commit the citizens of this state or this body to tax increases or whatever other method it takes to finance the state government and the political subdivisions on a two year basis. It's too long. We can't keep track. We don't have any input now on a lot of these bills through rules and regulations and we'll pass a bill and we'll wake up six months later and the whole intent of the bill has been changed and that's dangerous. I think this is dangerous. I'm willing to come back if it takes special sessions and the special sessions prove we shouldn't do this because of the fiscal flow in the state. So I think it's wrong that we should try to do this and, therefore, I strongly suggest that you support Senator Johnson on the IPP and if it doesn't IPP, let's don't advance the bill because I just do not want to give anybody a free check for two years. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Wesely, then Senator